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Having been honored with a letter from his Excellency
the Commander in chief containing a permission for
me to acte from this post, and at the same time, that I
may for a time continue my superintendence & guard my
and have such instructions with the command
- mand as I conceive may be necessary for the govern-
- ment of it in my absence. You P^r is the next
in Command will be pleased to attend to the follow-
ing circumstances, and from time to time give
him such orders as you find necessary for con-
ducting the troops of the Convention, as well as the
Garrison including all the Staff department connected
therewith.

As the officers of the Convention have certain
limits established (in the County of Albemarle for the
limits of the Counties of Augusta & Albemarle for
the Germans below Staunton & within two miles
of that Town) under parole you will by no means
restrict them to other limits unless their bad
conduct shd. render it necessary, in which case you
may confine them to any limits you may think
advisable or proper even to a single house or
room under such guard as you may find necessary
you are ~~not~~ to enlarge the officers & Parole limits
without express order for so doing from Congress or
the Commander in chief or me. The Men are
by no means to be suffered to work out or to go at
large and all orders here to fore given by me, are to

are to be strictly compelled with, excepting only such
men as have been allowed to work on the publick works
about the Barracks who are to return to their Quar-
ters every night - the last general orders also re-
quiring officers and their servants are also to be
strictly adhered to. As soon as the Disturbance commences
guards are to be mounted on each of the Block houses
and sentries posted so as to prevent any of the soldiers
belonging to the convention troops passing (without
warning) by day - and by no means by night.
The Gates are to be shut at the beating the retreat
and the Keys delivered to the Officer of the guard
except ones fronting the Main Guard which officers
are to be allowed to pass to and from their Quarters &
no other persons whatever, at that post a sergeant
and four men are to be posted, whose duty it will be
to see to the execution of those orders.

No Waggon or other carriages are to be permitted to
go into the line of Pickets without being first presented
to you or the Commanding Officer and having a Passport.
All Provisions & other Commodities brought for sale are
to be exposed to sale in a publick Market Place
between the Barracks & the Garrison, and no sol-
diers of the convention troops are to be suffered when
coming out to Market to exceed the limits of the Mar-
ket Place, sentries are to be posted for that purpose
and a small guard kept in readiness to prevent dis-
orders and tumult, any person violating either
to be immediately confined.

The Commandaries, Lieutenants Masters, Frigate Masters &
ministers of the ~~under~~^{under}gat this port
other Staff departments are to make you regular returns
of the state of their several departments and any neglect
of duty or disobedience of orders you will have committed
~~you will give such news for suspending division, Parades, frigates, &c as may be
of course as the case may require.~~
difficulty occur in any of the departments of yr
command, you will be prepared to give me immediate
intelligence thereof, by riding an express by a Lt.
dragoon - in the mean time taking such effectual
steps to suppress or remedy it as you may think
necessary, of which steps you will please to in
form me. You will ~~please~~ to send ~~to~~ ^{to} the Board
General Returns once a Month of the Board
of War in Philadelphia as also to the Executive
of this state, and inform them of any material
transaction. No officer of the convention troops
is to quit his limits or place of abode in this
state without express orders from the Congress or
the board of War, in writing. And you will be
caused to keep all such and other orders as shall
come to this port during my absence, copies of which
if they enjoy any material alteration at this
port you will please to transmit to me by express
as above in the manner before mentioned.

I have not the least doubt of yr maintaining the
strictest discipline and good order among the troops
that compose the garrison, and as far as lays in yr
power of rectifying every abuse that may tend to disorder
among the convention troops, or to produce an injury to
the United States. If any orders come from the Congress of the

Y^r D^r in his Deputys or from the Board of War for
the Removal of the prisoners of War here you are
to order them to march under such an escort as can
be spared, by the care of a good & prudent officer etc.
the place of their destination is within this state
or until they are delivered over to some other officer
of within any other state sh^d you not be in a
condition to spare a good & prudent officer you will apply
to the Executive of the state if none are ordered for
that express purpose) to order a detachment of Militia
etc. Many distinctions are omitted in the above orders
to provide against contingencies that could not be
foreseen you will in such cases use your best
discretion as I have not the smallest doubt, but that
you will in every trans. action consider the
advantage of the United states, and the good of
the service in general. I am &c with much
regard Y^r very Humble Servt

W^m S^r Bland

favours are not to be granted to more than one man
at a time from a Comp. unless it exceeds 25 men, & not more than
two if it exceeds that number.

Th^d you receive any application from the Commandant in any other
officer for any alteration of the regulations by which they are
to be conducted while here; or for my pass to go on parole &c.
such application is, while I have the representation of the
part to be transmitted to me & through me to Congress by an ed
resorder of his Excellency the commander in chief.